REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 14-46 and 48-63 remain pending in the application, claims 13 and 47 being canceled herein.

Allowed and Allowable Claims

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 14-28 and 48-63 are allowed; and that claims 2-13 and 30-47 recite allowable subject matter. Allowable claims 2-13 and 30-47 are amended herein to be in independent form. Claims 2-13 and 30-47 are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 29 over Ziegler

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 5,510,975 to Ziegler, Jr. ("Ziegler"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to include the subject matter of <u>ALLOWABLE</u> claim 13, with allowable claim 13 being thereafter canceled. Thus, it is believed that the Examiner would surely agree that claim 1 now recites allowable subject matter.

Similarly, claim 29 is amended to include the subject matter of **ALLOWABLE** claim 47, with allowable claim 47 being thereafter canceled. Thus, it is believed that the Examiner would surely agree that claim 29 now recites allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1 and 29 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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